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For: MAGNETIC HEAD WITH MEDIUM  
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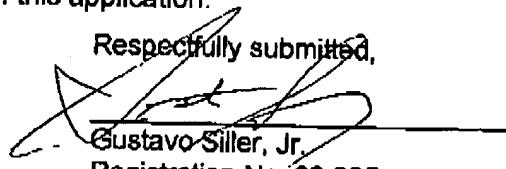
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Dear Sir:

Applicants filed the above-identified application on 6/20/2003, but have not yet received a first Office Action. Please advise the undersigned attorney as to when a first Office Action is expected to issue on this application.

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